

**Mississippi State Department of Health**  
**Guidance for Colleges and Universities for Foreign and Other Education Related Travel**  
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued advice for colleges, universities and students about study and travel abroad, foreign exchange and other education related travel, as well as advice for students who have recently traveled from Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia where an Ebola outbreak is occurring (see <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/advice-for-colleges-universities-and-students-about-ebola-in-west-africa> for the full guidance).

Updated details regarding the ongoing Ebola outbreak can be obtained at the CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html> or the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) at [www.healthmys.com/ebola](http://www.healthmys.com/ebola)

**US Travel**

Travel within the United States for national conferences, educational opportunities or other is not restricted and does not place an individual at risk for Ebola Virus Disease.

**Foreign Travel**

- Due to the ongoing outbreak of Ebola in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, the CDC advises that all non-essential travel, including education related travel, **be postponed** until further notice.
- At this time, education related and other travel to other African countries does not pose a risk of contracting Ebola.
- Colleges and universities that identify students, faculty and staff who have recently traveled to Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia within the prior 21 days should call MSDH at 601-576-7725 for instructions and guidance.
- Students, faculty and staff who have traveled to Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia within the past 21 days should contact MSDH at 601-576-7725 for a risk assessment, exposure history and instructions for health monitoring for a 21 day period.
- It is not recommended that colleges and universities isolate or quarantine students, faculty or staff based on a travel history alone.
- If the students, faculty or staff have had **NO symptoms of Ebola for 21 days** since leaving Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia, **they do NOT have Ebola**. *No further assessment is needed.*
- **If students, faculty or staff have traveled to countries other than Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia, then they are not at risk for Ebola and no further assessment is needed.**